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SUBJECT: DIVIDED FAMILIES -- COLLINS CASE

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1. WHEN I CALLED ON DEPUTY FOREIGN MINISTER ZAKHARIEVA ON ANOTHER MATTER FEB 6, I TOOK OCCASION TO BRING UP THE COLLINS CASE. SHE WAS, OR PRETENDED TO BE, UNFAMILIAR WITH IT.

2. I SAID I HAD ALREADY RAISED THIS CASE WITH THE FOREIGN MINISTER ON TWO OCCASIONS, DEC 6 AND DEC 29, AND WOULD HAVE RAISED IT WITH HIM AGAIN IF HE RATHER THAN ZAKHARIEVA HAD RECEIVED ME. WE ARE MYSTIFIED BY THE HANDLING OF THIS CASE, ESPECIALLY IN LIGHT OF OUR PREVIOUS DEMARCHES AND THE BEARING UPON IT OF THE FINAL ACT OF HELSINKI AND ITS LANGUAGE ON FAMILY REUNIFICATION.

3. IF MRS. COLLINS HAD COMMITTED A CRIME, I SAID, WE COULD PERHAPS UNDERSTAND THE WITHDRAWAL OF HER PERMISSION TO LEAVE; BUT NO ONE HAD SUGGESTED THIS; AND SURELY HER FAILLING IN LOVE AND MARRYING AN AMERICAN PROFESSOR WAS NOT A CRIME.

4. ZAKHARIEVA SAID MATTERS OF THIS SORT WERE USUALLY HANDLED WITH THE CONSULAR DEPARTMENT. I SAID THIS HAD YIELDED NO RESULTS. I SHOULD HAVE THOUGHT THAT AN  
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INQUIRY FROM THE FOREIGN MINISTER WOULD HAVE YIELDED

A POSITIVE RESULT BY NOW.

5. ZAKHARIEVA THEREUPON SAID SHE WOULD MAKE INQUIRIES  
AND WE SHOULD STAY IN TOUCH WITH CONSULAR DEPARTMENT.  
I SAID PERHAPS MORE IS REQUIRED THAN MAKING INQUIRIES.  
THIS SORT OF SITUATION IS APT TO INVOLVE SENATORS AND  
CONGRESSMEN AND COULD TAKE ON A POLITICAL DIMENSION

WHICH WE SHOULD AVOID.

6. SHE THEN SAID SHE WOULD LET ME KNOW AS SOON AS SHE  
HAD OBTAINED INFORMATION.  
HERZ

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